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REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to an information carrier containing a non-clonable optical identifier having an optical scattering medium for being challenged by a light beam and for scattering the light beam. In order to provide a secure information carrier, it is proposed that the information carrier further comprises a light absorbing means for reducing the intensity of the light beam so that an integration time for obtaining a response signal by integrating the scattered light beam is extended.